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1. AFP REPORTS FOLLOWING INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING FEB . 14 THAT GOF DECISIONS RE FUTURE OF CONCORDE, AIRBUS AND MERCURE PROGRAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONLY NEXT WEEK. ATTENDING MEETING, WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER, WERE TRANSPORT MINISTER GUENA, FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE HENRI TORRE, AND DEFENSE MINISTER GALLEY. FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT WHO WAS SCHEDULED ATTEND (AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING UP DOSSIERS TO THAT END) WAS NOT LISTED AS PARTICIPATING.

2. GUENA TOLD PRESS AFTER MEETING THAT CONSULTATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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MUST TAKE PLACE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING

WITH FRANCE IN VARIOUS AERONAUTICAL PROGRAMS, AND NOTABLY UK FOR CONCORDE, BEFORE GOF IS IN A POSITION TO TAKE FINAL DECISIONS. AFP SPECULATES THAT OUT-COME OF MEETING SUGGESTS THAT SUBJECTS EXAMINED WILL BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT POMPIDOU.

3. AFP FURTHER REPORTS THAT FRENCH AERONAUTICAL CIRCLES CONSIDER THAT MEETING WITH BRITISH AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON FUTURE OF CONCORDE PROGRAM MAY BE FURTHER POSTPONED DEPENDING ON WHETHER HESELTINE CONSERVES HIS PORTFOLIO IN BRITISH CABINET FOLLOWING UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION.IRWIN

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